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**ARREST WARRANT ISSUED IN
OXFORD ARMED ROBBERY**

The Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Detectives have obtained an arrest warrant for a suspect in the armed robbery of a liquor store in Oxford on 02/03/05.

On 02/03/05 at about 7:25 p.m. a lone white male entered the Oxford Liquor Shop implied that he was armed and took cash from the register. State Troopers from Troop- A Southbury and the Oxford Resident State Trooper's Office responded and initiated a search of the area for a suspect. Western District Major Crime Detectives responded processed the scene and initiated criminal investigation. Information obtained in the criminal investigation resulted in State Police Detectives submitting an arrest warrant application to Superior Court for the arrest of the suspect in this case.

Today 02/10/05 an arrest warrant was issued by the court for the arrest of the suspect in this case. The suspect is identified as FRANCIS J. FORTIN DOB: 6/24/70 whose last known address was 301 South Main St. Newtown, Ct. The arrest warrant has been issued to charge FORTIN with Robbery, Larceny, and Threatening.

Attempts by State Police to locate and apprehend FORTIN have been unsuccessful to date. It is believed that FORTIN may have fled the area. Investigators developed information that FORTIN may be the company of a female and may have fled Connecticut to the State of Arkansas. He has in the past been known to use stolen motor vehicles for transportation.

Presently there are several other outstanding warrants on file for FORTIN for auto theft and violation of probation. State Police are asking anyone who may have knowledge of FORTIN'S whereabouts to contact State Police at 203 267-2200. All calls and information will be kept in confidence.

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